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Outline

- Explain Infrared Systems
- Discuss Modeling and Simulation
- Introduce RASTER Concept
- RASTER Components
- Parametric Model Outputs
- Computer Generated Imagery Output
- **Brief Demonstration**
- Summarize



Infrared System



- Provides an Image to operator using thermal "heat" energy at different wavelengths such as 3-5 um or 8-12 um
- Used during Night and Low Light operations
- Applications are typically Targeting and Reconnaissance
- Systems Referred to as "FLIR" Forward Looking Infrared



Why Simulate Infrared Systems?

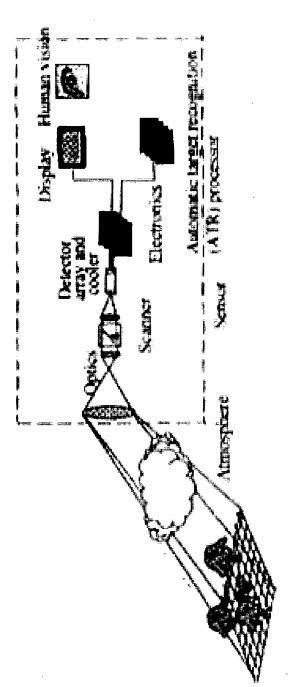


- How far you can see Target?
- Standoff Recognition Range
- How well you can detect or recognize?
- Probability of Detection or Recognition P_D or P_R
- How sensor performs in different environments?
- Atmospheric Attenuation
- How Target Signature effects performance?
- Target to Background Temperature Contrast
- How Design Parameters Impact Performance?
- Size of System, Physical Constraints, Cost





IR Sensor System Model Components



tripets and background



RASTER Concept

Realistic Analysis and Simulation Tools for EO and IR



RASTER Simulation Objective

- Augment analytical parametric models with simulated "synthetic" sensor output imagery
- Establish a comprehensive integrated hierarchy of EO/IR sensor models and simulation.

Approach

- Collect Standard "Off-The-Shelf" Models and Targets
- Apply Specific Models Appropriately
- Integrate Models using TRW-ExFLIR Shell
- Adapt Parametric and Signature Models to use common inputs, outputs and generate required files
- Generate Synthetic IR Imagery and display



RASTER

Approach



Navy/TRW

Sensor System **Parametric**

Models

FLR92 NV Therm

Acquire

Atmospheric Models

MODTRAN 4.0 PLEXUS

Integrate

EXFLIRPM by TRW Simplify

Automate Data Flow Process

Adapt

Output

Common In/Outputs Shared by models

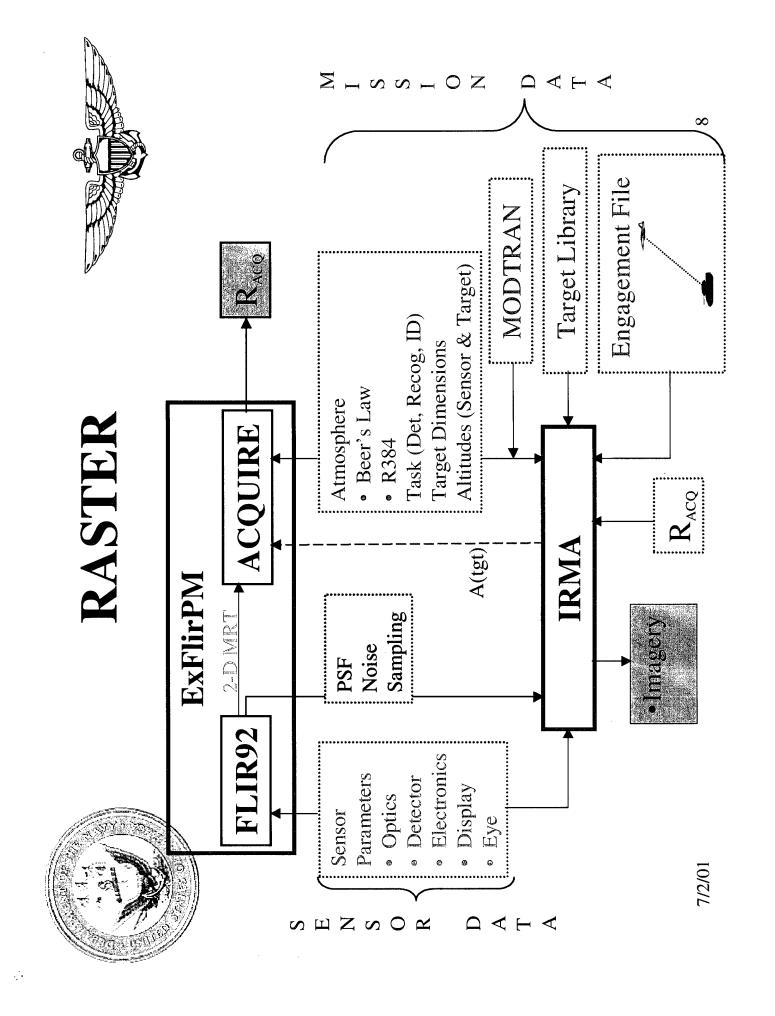
Computer Generated Synthetic Image Improved Imagery Simulation "Toolkit" RASTER Powered by EXFLIRPM

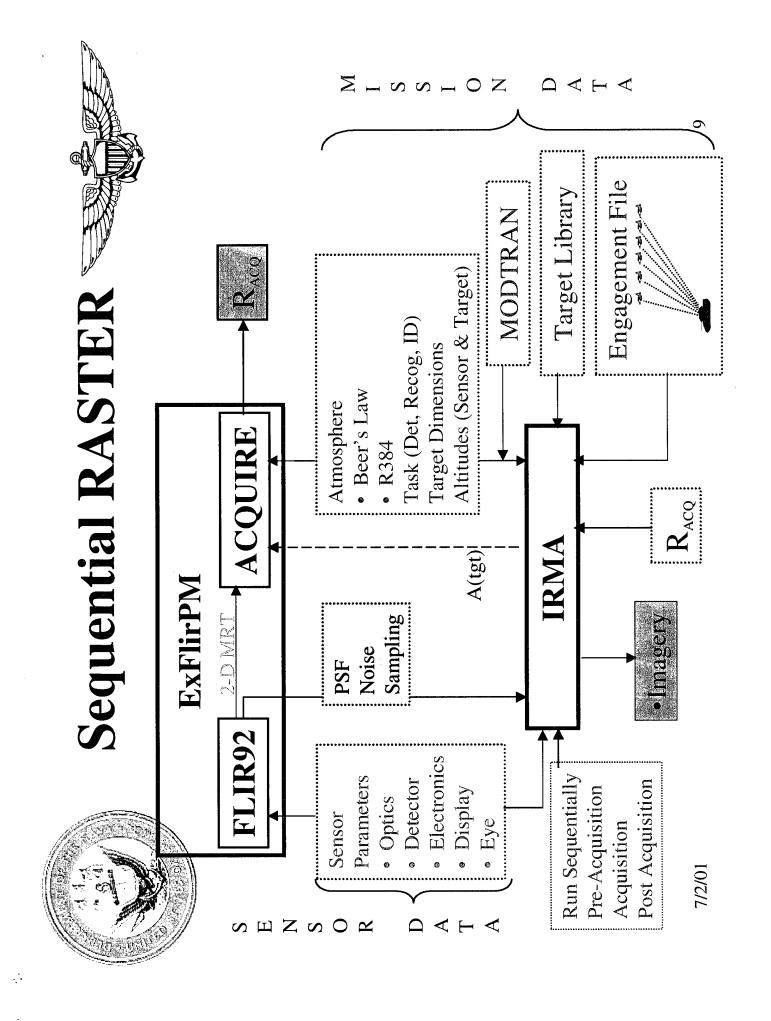
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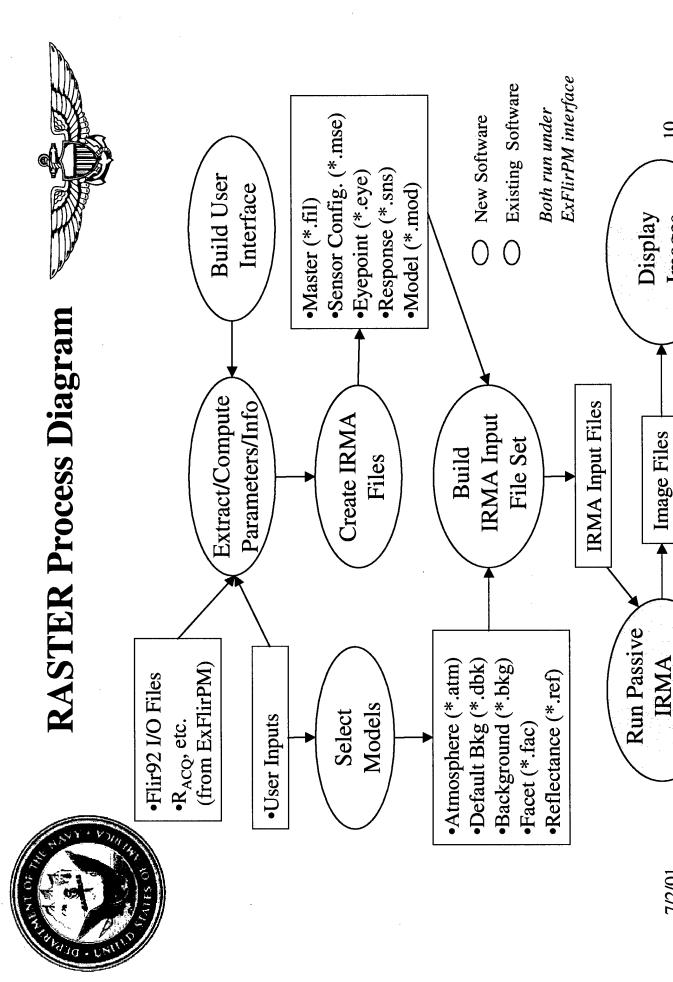
Computer Generated Imaging IRMA 5.0

Force

Federated Models: Standard Tools







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Renderer

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Images



RASTER Software

GUI within ExFlirPm (Excel) Interfaces

- Written in VBA (Visual Basic for Applications)
- Parameters/Info Extraction/Computation
- Written in VBA, AWK, and DOS Script
- Model Selection
- Written in VBA and AWK
- Creation of IRMA Files
- Written in AWK
- Building IRMA Input File Set
- Written in AWK and DOS Script
- IRMA Passive Renderer
- Use IRMA Existing Software Module
- Image Display
- Use PC Version of SAOimage



Examples of Parametric Simulation Results

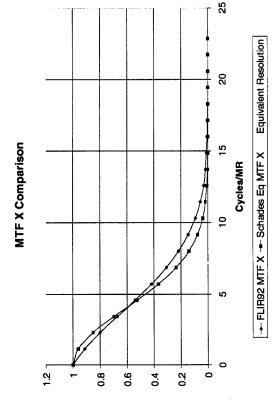


Resolution System MTF

Range for $90\% P_R \sim 3 \text{ nm}$

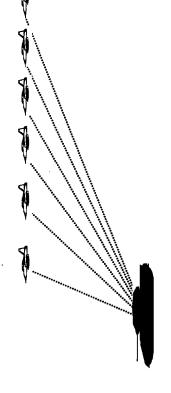
Range for 50% P_R ~5 nm

Atmospheric Trans:0.8/km Target Contrast 2 deg Target Projected Area 4 m²





Value of Synthetic Imagery

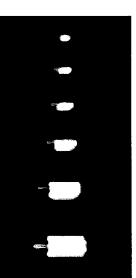


lot just by watching" "You can observe a

Yogi Berra



Tank Target Simulation Signature



Imagery with some sensor Synthetic effects



Software Demonstration

Demo of RASTER

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RASTER Summary



- RASTER benefits are being realized by Navy.
- Assembly of existing tools has familiarized engineers with existing DOD modeling capabilities.
- Value of Physics Based Computer Generated Imagery is intuitive although not a panacea for all simulation
- Using Microsoft Excel platform will improve exposure of complicated models to analysts
- Elements of RASTER will have direct applicability for aircrew training as well as mission planning.
- Related Simulation Efforts:
- » DARPA SenSim Effort, JRM Inc
- » F/A-18 ATFLIR Fleet Innovation Program
- » Integrated Facility for Imaging System Simulation

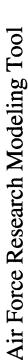


Backup





IRMA Model





- IRMA is a software package that models the output of sensors commonly used in state of the art seekers.
- Passive model produces synthetic imagery to match that produced by passive sensor
- Image generator produces synthetic imagery of 3-D scenes simulating what a sensor would detect
- Simulation Capabilities Include:
- Emitted radiation
- Diffuse and specular scattering
- Atmospheric path radiance

Sensor spatial effects

Motion Simulation(tgt&back)

Sensor spectral effects

Path transmittance



PLEXUS



Phillips Laboratory Expert Unified and Software

PLEXUS is a an expert system based, commercial grade package that provides predict and assess the impact of radiance backgrounds on electro-optic (E-O) developed by the Air Force Phillips Laboratory, Geophysics Directorate to single point access to atmospheric and celestial optical background codes

A non-interactive version (PLEXUS 3.0NI) for support of large scale simulations on UNIX platforms and Windows NT 4 is planned.

Laboratory, Geophysics Directorate optical backgorund codes integrated into The current version of PLEXUS is 2.1b. It has the following Phillips

MODTRAN 3 Version 1.5, dated April 96

SHARC3 dated December 93 with auroral patch dated March 96

FASCODE3P dated March 97 with the HITRAN96 database

- SAG1 dated December 93

· CBSD (Version 3.0 installed in PLEXUS 3.0)